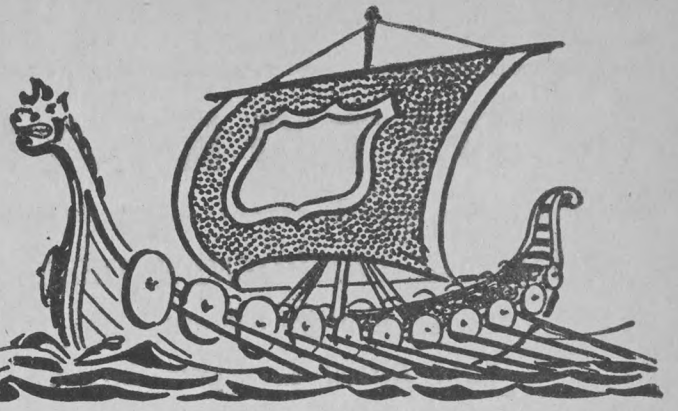




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Now is the Best Time to See Finland

"Rainy Day" Funds Prove Worth

STOCKHOLM — The investment funds — Sweden's most noted device to stimulate the economy when business is poor — have proved they work. The National Swedish Institute for Economic Research has just published a detailed study of what happened when the funds were released in 1962. It shows that they accomplished quite effectively the established goal. The study concludes that "a powerful impact of short duration can be secured at short notice."

The basic idea of the system is to stimulate an economy which is slowing down by providing a spur to capital spending. In boom periods companies are urged to set aside up to 40 per cent of their pre-tax profits in a special reserve fund earmarked for capital spending. Of the amount so designated, 46 per cent must be deposited with the Riksbank, Sweden's central bank, the rest being added to working capital.

When the economy is in need of stimulus, the Labor Market Board announces that the funds may be used. The project thus financed may be written off at once, and the entire sum escapes taxation. The program is completely voluntary, but the incentives to participate in the plan are sufficiently forceful that companies are generally quite happy with the idea. It also has attracted international attention and somewhat modified systems have been introduced in a few other countries.

The study of the 1962 fund release, "Investment Funds in Operation" (Occasional Paper 2, National Institute of Economic Research, Stockholm), was carried out by Gunnar Eliasson.

All companies holding funds were allowed to use them for capital projects during the period from July, 1962 to April, 1963, providing the projects were begun before November, 1962. Indications were that the economy was slowing down, and a principal objective of the release was to combat expected unemployment during the seasonably slow winter months.

There were 860 projects launched during the initial period. According to the study, fully 15 per cent of total industrial construction during the 12 months beginning July, 1962 could be attributed to the funds.

Norway's Midnight Sun Region Now Easier To Explore

When the travel poster says "Land of the Midnight Sun," everybody knows it means Norway. Yet the percentage of visitors to Norway who actually see the Midnight Sun is relatively small. The visitor's excuse used to be that getting to see the country's most widely advertised attraction entailed traveling at least 500 miles north of Oslo, and how many had the time? But that's no longer an excuse. The distance is unchanged, of course, but the time factor has been conquered. So whether you have 45 days or only one night to spare, you can and must see the Midnight Sun this year.

Seeing the Midnight Sun means, literally, watching a never-setting sun blazing above the horizon and brightening the sky with fantastic colours at an hour when your watch tells you there ought to be darkness. Several places in the world witness the same phenomenon. But Norway offers the best vantage points, ranging from Bodo to the

North Cape and Spitsbergen, and adds the beauty of fjords and mountains, exotic settings, opportunities for good fishing, hunting and photographing and well-planned tours.

The 1,000 ft. high rock at the North Cape is the favored viewing site. Europe's northernmost point, it looks out upon the Arctic Ocean towards the North Pole. Nearby, the colorful nomadic Lapps tend their reindeer. Up here, some 900 miles north of Oslo, the climate is still pleasant, and the sun is visible all night from May 12 to August 1.

The best way to see the Midnight Sun is by Scandinavian Airlines System's one-night Midnight Sun Excursion from Oslo to Bodo, when a Midnight Sun supper is served at the lodge atop Ronvik Mountain. Marvelous scenery unfolds in all directions during the two-and-a-half hour flight each way. The excursion costs \$95 U.S. and one night's sleep — but you gain the thrill of a lifetime.

WARNING RE: CHARTERED FLIGHTS

There has been some confusion in the minds of Scandinavians with regard to sponsorship of chartered flights to Scandinavia.

In the past, there have been some flights sponsored under the name of NORDMANNS-FORBUNDET; THE SCANDINAVIAN HOUR CLUB; and THE SCANDINAVIAN CLUB. Let it be known that none of these three names has anything to do with THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LTD. commonly known as THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE.

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(Chairman of Flight Committee)

There is very little time left, perhaps five years, to visit Finland as it is today. It is still one of the least tourist-trodden countries of Western Europe. The great "White City of the North," Helsinki, is probably the largest and most important European capital as yet untainted by commercialism wrought by waves of tourists. The city remains innocent, tremendously interested in and appreciative of visitors; the pace of the good people is less affected — they enjoy their traditional festivals with an abandon that is naked of inhibition.

There is very little time left to visit this Finland because it is being discovered by tourism and each year sees a larger increase in the number of visitors from North America and Europe.

Finland is loved by the women who visit it because of the chic shops, the Marimekko, Finn-Flare and other high-fashion creations, the vast variety of things to buy which are different — jewelry, crystal, ryijy wall rugs, ceramics — the list is long. Women like Finland's elegant modernity, its comfort and the quiet good manners of the handsome men.

Finland is loved by the men who visit it because it is so foreign; because of the rugged raw wood and iron used in its ultra-modern architecture. Men like this scenic wide Nordic pine country which stretches to the Arctic. And men like the beauty of the Finnish women.

Finland is a delight for the gourmet because the cuisine, having been greatly influenced both by Western (French and Swedish) and Russian cooking, is excellent. The very best of both have been incorporated into a distinctive and delectable cuisine served by wondrous restaurants noted for their kitchens and decors.

Finland is ideal for the elderly because of its 60,000 placid lakes speckled with islands; large and small, whose tranquility is absolutely undisturbed; modern, smooth, transportation goes to every corner, nook and hamlet — the buses and trains are spotlessly clean — indeed the sauna-loving Finns and their cities have a remarkable degree of cleanliness.

Finland is a paradise for young couples who may take a little boat in Helsinki Harbor to an almost as little island which is entirely occupied by a restaurant. The building is surrounded by a miniature park with romantic lanes which have benches in secluded coves looking

out to the sea and the twinkling lights of fishing craft and islands sleepy in the milky Northland twilight. Five dollars will pay for a fine and plentiful meal, wine, floor show and dancing.

Finland is one big playground for the sports-minded. The country can be described as strips of land which surround thousands of lakes. This means boating, fishing and all water and ice sports are big. The Finns are just natural swimmers, hikers, skiers, and they are the ones who take those 220 degree sauna baths and then plunge into lakes.

An excellent example of the Finns' love for all sports can be witnessed when the Finnish Festival Games take place in Helsinki during June 3rd - 8th this coming summer. Then tens of thousands of Finns will participate in this colorful event, with parades, track and field, gymnastics, folk dancing, etc.

Finnish sports equipment, incidentally, is a good buy — skis, skates, guns, colorful Lapp winter clothing and fishing tackle.

A word should be said for the benefit of our new kind of traveler — the professional who wants to meet, learn from and compare notes with his counterparts abroad. Finland is especially interesting to architects, industrial designers, city planners, social workers and members of the wood and paper industry.

Annually "Cultural Days" have been arranged by Jyväskylä, a university city in Central Finland. There world famous professional people are on hand to lecture, perform, and exchange views with their colleagues and other interested participants. This year the program is arranged during July 3rd - 13th, the theme being "East-West."

Jyväskylä is easily accessible by train, air, or bus from Helsinki. A delightful way of reaching Jyväskylä is by hydrofoil (Tehi) via Lahti. This is a 2½ hour trip along beautiful waterways — which can be taken either in the morning or early afternoon for \$7.50.

Finland extends far beyond the Arctic Circle and includes Finnish Lapland. Many of the Lapps retain their ancient customs and their colorful blue and red embroidered costumes. They continue with the reindeer racing and round-ups and their beautiful handcrafts. The Arctic Circle and Lapland, which is quite warm in the summer, can be reached by air in about 3 hours

EDITORIAL

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK . . .

By Helge Ramsing

"This Land Is Your Land"

As a Canadian with a Scandinavian background who is fortunate enough to be able to call this great country "my land" it sometimes comes to my mind "what can we as Scandinavians contribute in return for what Canada has given us?" We found in Canada opportunity which was hard to find elsewhere. We were able, if we so desired, to meet and make friends with wonderful people who, like ourselves, have proved that hard work can be endured when at the end of the road you have improved your lot in life. Faith in your fellow man and faith in yourself are the cornerstones of a solid foundation on which to build a healthy society. In our everyday life we are constantly reminded that discrimination and narrow-minded thinking are still factors very much alive in our society. At times when hate and mistrust take over, the problems could often be solved by trying to show understanding and tolerance. Never before in man's time has it been so important to exercise tolerance toward your neighbours.

We Scandinavians (we will forget about the Vikings) have a tradition in keeping tolerance alive. Names like Bernadotte and Hammerskjold will always be remembered. So when we are going about our daily task whatever our station in life may be, let us try to show tolerance whenever and wherever it is needed. If the years have mellowed our fighting spirit let us not give up our firm stand against discrimination of any kind. In all honesty it should be said that nobody is able to fight discrimination around him unless he has conquered this evil within himself. So, therefore, let us begin with ourselves and then we will be able to convince our fellow man that despite progress in techniques and science, this world of today cannot go on unless we apply tolerance toward other people's beliefs, ideas and hopes.

By advocating tolerance and practising it ourselves to the fullest extent of the meaning of the word, we may not have saved the nation but we will have contributed in a small way towards making "This Land of Ours" a better place in which to live.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK . . .

BY MRS. LINNEA LODGE

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET FEBRUARY 22, 1966

We welcome to the Board five new members who have not served before — Ole Borgersen, Charles Jensen, Paul Karvonen, Werner Larson and Gunnar Thorvaldson. Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen and S. A. Sorenson have returned for another term and their past experience will be greatly appreciated. Henry Logan resigned before this meeting.

At the organizational meeting the directors accepted the following responsibilities:

H. Ramsing	President
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	Anniversary - Dedication Day
L. Lodge	Secretary
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	Scandapades
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P. Karvonen	Annual Scandinavian Day
	Elk Island Park
W. Larsen	Klondike Booth
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R. Sivertsen	Co-ordinator Ladies' Committee
	New Year's Eve Frolic
S. A. Sorenson	Charter Flights
	Share Selling
G. Thorvaldson	Publicity
	Scandinavian News

In view of Henry Logan's resignation another director must be located and his responsibilities will be to act on Cultural Activities Department.

The directors would welcome any assistance or ideas that you might have pertaining to these various departments.

- BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET MARCH 8, 1966
- ◆ 10 share applications received.
 - ◆ The Icelandic Society has pledged \$80.00 toward the purchase of a Bulletin Board.
 - ◆ Harold Markstrom is to proceed with plans for a suitable stage or platform for the Nordic Room.
 - ◆ The Annual Scandinavian Day will be held July 31st, 1966 at Elk Island Park.
 - ◆ Scandapades and Annual Scandinavian Night will be held January 21, 1967 at the Jubilee Auditorium.
 - ◆ Werner Larsen is negotiating with the Exhibition Board for a choice spot for our Klondike Booth.

WEEKLY BROADCAST

Each Saturday Barry Haugen presents a 90 minute program over Radio Station CFCW, Camrose. This is a program of Scandinavian music, news and a report by Sigurd Sorenson on latest happenings at the Centre. Barry is a strong supporter of the Centre and believes you would enjoy his Scandinavian Show if your radio is within listening distance.

TIME OUT

For the past year I have enjoyed presenting a review of decisions and activities from the Board Room. Starting with the next issue your President, Helge Ramsing will be keeping you informed in these matters. If you so wish you may still address your correspondence to me and I shall try to see that this is processed as quickly as possible.



VASA LODGE SKANDIA

NO. 549 — March Meeting

The regular monthly meeting was held in the Nordic Room, Scandinavian Centre on March 5th. Members reported on the sick list were Verner Lindquist, Gust Ljunggren, and Mrs. Pat Johnson was convalescing from her operation.

Audry Eliasson reported on the curling match held in Calmar that afternoon when Skandia Curlers played host to rinks from Nordsjarnan, and Buford lodges. Ladies of the lodge were at hand to serve lunch and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to all who helped either with donations or serving.

Mr. Hober reported on a recent meeting of the Past Chairman's club when plans for entertainment after the May meeting was discussed. It was decided that a fancy dress dance would be held in the form of a festival, with games of chance, refreshments and lunch.

Alma Samuelson reported that a toboggan slide would be held by the Childrens' Club the following Sunday at St. Albert.

A centennial Committee of three was elected. They were Margaret Eliasson, Elsi Simmons and John Bergquist.

After the meeting a fine lunch was served by the following committee: Emma Kragg, Grace Maxwell and Florence Erickson.

For entertainment Mr. and Mrs. Bob Liddle showed slides taken in India during their two years of service in that country with C U S A (Canadian University Service Overseas). The pictures were very interesting, showing many aspects of life in India, ie: schools, agriculture, transportation, family and business. Mrs. Liddle taught school and her husband served in an engineering capacity during their stay in India.

The next meeting will be held on April 2, when there will be initiation of new members. The entertainment "Al Oeming Night" with Otto van Rosen as host.

VASA LADIES' ANNUAL MEETING

— Mrs. Elsie Simmons was hostess to the Vasa Ladies' Auxiliary annual meeting on Saturday evening, February 19th, when reports

from the various committees showed that a very busy and fruitful year had been completed. Many important functions of Lodge Skandia had been taken care of by the members, as well as catering for the New Years Eve Frolic at the Scandinavian Centre, and assisting in various ways in outside interests. Donations of money had been made to the following charities: Crippled Children, Mental Health, Protestant Childrens' Home, Heart Fund, Augustana Church Women, Hope Mission, Cancer Fund and to the Scandinavian Centre News.

The following officers were re-elected for 1966: Chairman, Betty Pearson; Secretary, Hansene Pierre and Treasurer, Irma McMaster. Jean Anderson will act as alternate officer. Elsie Simmons and Hanna Sand were elected as Auditors and Milda Backstrom on the Flower Committee. It was decided to make a donation to the Auxiliary of the Cancer Clinic.

The Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. Ivy Ogren, 8749 - 89 Ave., on the evening of April 16th at 8 p.m.

MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM

— On Sunday, May 8 at 2 p.m. the mothers and grandmothers of Lodge Skandia are invited to attend the annual Mothers' Day program to be held in the Nordic Room, Scandinavian Centre.

On Sunday, March 6 the Childrens' Club enjoyed a toboggan party at St. Albert when 27 children and 20 adults had a wonderful afternoon outdoors, followed by lunch at the Scandinavian Centre. All reported a good time.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the many expressions of sympathy, beautiful floral tributes and donations to the Alberta Heart Foundation during our recent loss of our beloved son, husband and father. Also thanks to the ladies who so kindly donated and served lunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Law.

Ottor and Anna Sund, Leona and the children.

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WEDDING — Pettersson-Truchanek

— St. Paul's United Church was the scene of the marriage on March 12th of Victoria Ann Truchanek, daughter of Mrs. W. Gawryluk to Kenneth Roy David Pettersson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. A. Pettersson, all of Edmonton. Reverend Ian McMillan officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by Mr. Norman Pettersson, brother of the groom. She wore a floor-length gown of white lace and satin. Her chapel veil was held in place with the Swedish Vasa bridal crown. Her bouquet was of red roses.

The bridesmaids were Marjory Yurchuk and Eunice White and attending the groom were Robert Dingman and Robert Morrison. The ushers were David Morrison and Brian Johnson.

After a reception at the Riviera Hotel the newlyweds went on a motor trip to Banff. They will reside in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Tweter travelled by train to Vancouver where they attended the funeral of the latter's brother. They visited Mrs. Tweter's son and accompanied him on a motor trip to Seattle before returning home.

Carol Engvall has returned home Portland, Ore., where she was employed for some time.

Larry Comin is home from hospital and recovered from an operation.

Mrs. Svea Erickson visited her daughter Lulu and son-in-law Harold Lundgren and enjoyed the celebration of her grand-daughter Lisa's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Pearson spent a holiday in sunny California where they visited their son and daughter and their families.

Four new stamps, in denominations of 40, 55, 60, and 90 ore, will be issued by the Norwegian Post Office on February 8th to honor the World Skiing Championships to be held at Oslo, February 17-27, 1966.

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Exporting Norwegian Technical Know-How

Norconsult A/S, which has its main office in Oslo, can look back at a decade of rapid expansion. When the company started ten years ago, to conduct technical and commercial consultation activities abroad, it had one employee. He was sent to Ethiopia, where Norconsult now has a 20-member staff. At present, the company has some 700 persons on its own payroll, while the personnel in co-operating organizations total nearly 2,000.

With the valuable experience gained during the first couple of difficult years in Ethiopia, Norconsult extended its consulting work to other parts of Africa, the Middle East and South America. Ethiopia's first major hydroelectric power plant, Koka, which supplies electricity to Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa, was planned by Norconsult engineers, who also supervised the construction work.

Together with its stockholding member firms, Norconsult maintains 18 offices in Norway, where it has developed extensive co-operation with leading technical research and development institutions. Abroad, there are Norconsult offices in Algeria, Denmark, Greece, Iceland, Iraq, Sweden, Tanzania, and, as mentioned previously, Ethiopia. In addition, company consultants work in Saudi-Arabia, Uganda, Belgium, Great Britain, and Brazil. Last year, an average of 46 architects, engineers and business consultants worked abroad.

Fluoride-Treated Bread Adds Dental Care

STOCKHOLM — Stockholm authorities plan to feed fluorides to the city's school children as part of a program for improved dental care. The chemical, mixed in a bone meal containing calcium and phosphorus, will be baked in a special bread served at school meals.

This step is being taken while loud pros and cons continue to be heard over the possible introduction of fluorides to Stockholm's water supplies. A recent communication from the Swedish National Board of Health to the Minister of Social Affairs is expected to touch off new discussions on the subject.

Actually, treatment of school children's teeth with fluoride is well under way all over Sweden. Two out of three children in compulsory schools are regularly treated, according to the National Board of Health, and the result is good: a decrease in dental cavities of 30-40 per cent has been reported.

According to Swedish experts several ingredients of bone meal increase the strength of the teeth. By mixing it into the bread the children eat in their school meals they would automatically be supplied with these important substances. Bread containing bone meal tastes no different from other bread, they say.

The question of fluoridation of Stockholm's drinking water came up for new attention when Sven Aspling, Minister of Social Affairs, was asked by the National Board of Health to give the matter consideration. The City's Public Dental Service Board has set March 3rd as the date for discussions.

Trial fluoridation has been carried out in the city of Norrköping since 1952 with successful results. Not without much controversy,

however. Anti-fluoridation voices were heard in Sweden similar to those in the United States. Of late, feelings have begun to calm down. A law was passed by the Swedish Riksdag in 1962 which enabled the Government to permit local authorities to fluoridate drinking water distributed from public waterworks. As a result of the intense debate, the Minister in charge declared that for a period of five years he would limit Governmental permission to the city of Norrköping.

Meanwhile other means of treatment have developed. The number of school children being given fluorides is rapidly growing. In 1962 about 300,000 were using the treatment. This number has now doubled, which means that two-thirds of all children in Sweden's compulsory schools use some form of fluoride.

The most prevalent method is mouth-washing with a sodium fluoride solution, often in connection with visits to the dentists of the Public Dental Health Service. Mouth-washes are also administered by teachers and special nurses. Generally they are given every second week. Other methods are brushing with fluoridated tooth-paste under the supervision of a dental nurse and sodium fluoride tablets.

The 30-40 per cent reduction of dental caries in school children was noted by Olaf Osvald, Head of the Dental Division of the National Board of Health. He said he hoped systematical fluoride treatment of all school children would reduce caries by half. He adds that the National Board of Health now is aiming at pre-school children and students at secondary schools. He also believes military conscripts should get a regular fluoride treat-

Automation Is Key To Swedish Postal Streamlining Project

STOCKHOLM — In Sweden they say that something is: "As safe as a letter by mail." Apparently the Swedish Post Office Administration intends to spare no efforts to add to that reputation. Recently it presented an eight-point streamlining program, including introduction of a zip-code system similar to that of the United States.

The drive to make the postal organization more efficient is caused by the tightening labor situation. To maintain and increase service needed in a rapidly changing society like Sweden's the Post Office Administration foresees a need for 8,000 more employees in the next four years, an increase of about 20 per cent. At the same time Sweden's labor shortage is expected to grow worse. The new program would cut the need for new employees by half.

The key word is automation. The new zip-code system is a prerequisite for new automatic letter-sorting machines that will be introduced in post offices in cities and towns. The lines which tend to form in front of the counter clerks in the post office will be drastically cut, it is hoped, by a new machine developed and manufactured by Addo Machine Co. It will eliminate manual receipt writing and handle money-orders, C.O.D., postal checks and postal savings.

The machine is necessary for the change-over to electronic data processing in the Post-Office Savings Bank and the postal checking

Car Sales In Sweden Reach Record Highs

STOCKHOLM — Car sales in Sweden reached a new high last year. There were 274,997 new passenger autos sold compared to 257,669 in 1964, an increase of seven per cent.

Activity was especially bustling during the first seven months of 1965. This was reasoned to be occasioned by a scheduled rise in the sales tax July 1. Sales did drop rather sharply after the new tax, but they appear to be rising again this year. Some 9,990 cars were sold in January, 1966 compared to 9,824 in January, 1965.

The "top five" in sales were in the same order last year as in 1964. Topping the list was Volvo Amazon with 42,432 units, a 2,500 increase over the year before. The second largest selling make was Volkswagen 1300 with 31,132 units, followed by SAAB, Opel Rekord and Ford Taunus 17 M. No American made car was among the 25 largest sellers.

service. This year two IBM 360-30 computers and two optical readers will be delivered.

Other measures to increase the capacity include purchase of semi-automatic parcel sorting machines, a specially designed mail-carrier car for suburban areas and tests of salary based on results produced in the delivery service. The postal employees' unions have agreed to these tests.

ICELANDIC NOTES

Mr. Bob Eyford son of Mr. and Mrs. Assi Eyford was united in marriage to Miss Judith Edmondson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edmondson of Edmonton, on March 19th, at the Kensington Baptist Church. Soloist was Mrs. Eyford, mother of the groom.

Birthdays greetings to two of our Life Members, Mr. S. Isfeld, April 25th and Mr. Felix Fredrickson, April 27th. Congratulations gentlemen.

The "flu" bug has paid quite a few calls on our members but, with Spring around the corner, let's hope it soon moves on.

If you know of any news items, please phone Beulah Arason at 466-6659.

We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Smith, mother of Cameron Smith, was hospitalized after a recent fall on the ice. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Gisli Gislason has returned home after a lengthy stay in the Royal Alex.

Our Chairman, for the sick and visiting, would be very pleased if you would inform her of any members who are ill or in the hospital. Please phone Mrs. Margaret Cameron at 455-2064.

Earlier this year mention was made of two Icelandic books available at Hurtig's bookstore in English — the Saga of Asgard and the Horned Helmet.

A translation is Njal's Saga by Magnus Magnusson and Hermann Palsson is now available from the same source in the Penguin paperback books. This Saga enjoys the reputation of being the mightiest of all classical Icelandic Sagas. It would not be possible to present a review of the book in the space available here, I do, however, strongly recommend the addition of this book to your personal library where it will be readily available to the children in your home.

Mrs. Ingibjorg Jonsson advised your delegate, while in Winnipeg, that Icelandic Language lessons will start in the Logberg-Hemskringla shortly. This paper is available for a yearly subscription of \$6.50. Mail your cheque to Columbia Printer, 303 Kennedy St., Winnipeg 2, for your subscription, now.

Walter Arason travelled to Vancouver the first week in March and was able to visit Hofn, the Icelandic Old Folk's Home there.

It is situated in a very beautiful setting fronting the Fraser River, the rooms are spacious and well-appointed, the monthly fee to residents is nominal.

Mrs. S. McDowell, the Matron and Mrs. R. Einarson the Assistant Matron conducted him on a tour of the home, there are two wings, four levels with 44 rooms and 60 residents. There is also a lounge, dining room, recreation room, etc. There are 10 of a regular staff and a caretaker at the residence.

A few of the residents that he met — Mrs. Margaret Hjalmason, John Howardson, Lauga Johanneson and Mrs. Einarson — sent kind regards to their friends in Edmonton.

The money that your Chapter contributed to Hofn recently is going to be used to refurbish the chesterfields in the lounge.

The patio furniture donated to the home last year receives good use and is located on the upstairs patio facing the Fraser River, with a lovely view.

Your President attended the annual three day convention of the Icelandic National League, as your delegate, held at the First Lutheran Church Annex on Victor Street, just south of Sargent Avenue.

It was a momentous occasion, as this was the first convention that has been held since we became a Chapter of the Icelandic National League.

A report on your Chapter's activities during the past year and a glimpse of our thoughts for the future was presented by your delegate on the opening day, Monay, and was well received.

On Monday evening a dinner was given by the executive of the Icelandic National League in the Winner's Circle, a private dining room, of the Paddock in honour of His Excellency Petur J. Thorsteinsson, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Iceland and Mrs. Thorsteinsson and that your delegate attended. It was a gala affair and was followed by a play in the First Lutheran Church Annex put on by a very well known Icelandic actor, Brynjolf Johannesson.

Tuesday's business was pleasantly broken by a luncheon sponsored by the Icelandic Canadian Club and held in the Mac Hotel. Immediately after the luncheon Judge Walter Lindall introduced Will Christian who in turn spoke of the exploits of many track and field men of Icelandic descent, introducing each in his turn to those present. That evening at 5:30 a reception was given by His Honor Richard S. Bowles, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, and Mrs. Bowles, at Government House, in honour of His Excellency Petur J. Thorsteinsson and Mrs. Thorsteinsson. Invitations were issued to 350, a great many members of the Icelandic population of aMnitoba. The evening concluded with a concert at the First Lutheran Church Annex.

Your delegate was a member of the Committee on Education and Publicity, chaired by Rev. V. Eylands, and including Jon Palsson of Arborg, Gunnar Baldwinson of Winnipeg and Ing N. Bjarnson of Gimli.

On Wednesday morning Rev. V. Eylands presented the committee's recommendations which were approved by all present as submitted. On the basis of one of the recommendations, Dr. Richard Beck will be working with Professor Haraldur Bessason to compile a list of Icelandic classics that are now available in the English translations.

In many respects, the close of the convention was a difficult time as there were so many who had made the visit to Winnipeg such a pleasant sojourn that one hated to leave. Special mention must be made of the kind attention extended by Rev. P. Petursson and Mrs. Petursson; Mr. and Mrs. G. Levy; Professor Haroldur Bessason and Mrs. Bessason; Ingibjorg Jonsson; Hjalmar Danielson; Gunnar Erlends-son and K. Kristjansson.

A side trip was made to the Legislative Building by your delegate on Wednesday morning where the Honourable Dr. George Johnson, the Minister of Education, presented him with a Coat of Arms pin of the Province of Manitoba. A very generous and kind gesture.

Each afternoon and evening the ladies had coffee and Icelandic dainties available, a pleasant break in the afternoon and a good way to finish off an evening.

FINNISH SOCIETY

FINNISH FOOTNOTES

Recent hospital patients were Mrs. V. Kopra of Hollow Lake, Alta. and Mr. Reynard Ollikka also of Hollow Lake. Speedy recovery to both.

36 new Canadians received their Citizenship papers on March 1st at the Canadian Citizenship Court in Edmonton. Ladies of Finnish Society served lunch with tea and coffee after the ceremonies. Thanks to Mrs. J. Rama, Mrs. V. Leino and Mrs. J. Sahuri for helping.

There was a good turnout at the dance on March 5th when ladies brought lunch boxes to be sold to men. Coffee was served and games and dancing followed. It was a pleasant evening for all.

Speedy recovery to Mr. V. Hagman who was in hospital recently.

The annual fishing contest was held on March 27th at Lake St. Anne. The winners will be announced at the next issue of Scandinavian Centre News.

General meeting of Finnish Society will be held on April 3rd at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Virtanen, 13520 - 104A St. Everyone is cordially invited. The meeting begins at 8:00 p.m.

Next executive meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Utunen, 10923 - 131 St. on May 1st, 1966, starting at 8:00 p.m.

Next sewing circle will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. Rastas, 12038 - 45 St. on April 20th, 1966. Everyone is cordially invited.

A surprise Birthday party was held for Mr. L. Kuusela on March 5th, 1966.

It is hoped that everyone attends the May 7th dance at the Scandinavian Centre, Dania Room. Good lunch with coffee will be served and refreshments are available.

Birthday greetings to Mr. E. Salovaara who will be celebrating his Birthday during April.

Recent visitor to Edmonton was Mrs. Lahja Soderberg of Oliver, B.C.

Is your membership paid already? If not, please phone 454-2246 and it will be arranged shortly.

If you have any news for the paper, please contact Mrs. Anne Sahuri, 16112 - 104 Ave. Ph. 489-7515.

Miss Finland of 1966 was crowned recently. The new beauty queen is Miss Satu Ostring of Tampere. Last year's Miss Finland, Virpi Miettinen, who became engaged recently, was also present.

From now on every Finnish citizen who resides outside of Finland (there are about 150,000) will be able to vote also at all Finnish elections.

There are 475 kilometers of new railroad under construction in Finland presently. This is an increase of 8 1/2 % to Finnish railroads.

ANYBODY GOING TO DENMARK SOON?

"They Call Them Danes Your Majesty"

or a little about what remarkable creatures the Danes are — one way or another.

It is pretty well agreed upon that Danes are a friendly type of human. They smile to foreigners and are hospitable and sociable. The only real exception occurs when there aren't any foreigners around. They can very well snarl a bit at each other in traffic, and they know how to fight wildly and vigorously with inherited Viking zeal whenever it is necessary to secure a seat on a streetcar or a bus, or when there is only one bottle of Tuborg left. But anyhow, they are friendly.

The Danes are modest, too. So modest that it borders on swelled heads. A lot of them believe that they make the best cheese, the best butter, the best silver, the best porcelain, and the best beer in the world. And they do, of course.

Danes are not really very polite compared with the English, the Americans, or the Swedes. There was once a Dane who announced that he preferred the Swedish politeness to the Danish informality. "Oh yes," said his friend, "but the Swedes don't mean anything by it." "Nevertheless," the man answered, "I still prefer that kind of politeness to the Danish rudeness, even though the Danes mean it ever so much more."

Things are a lot easier for a visitor if he understands in advance that Danish males are perfectly willing to knock down unprotected women when it has anything to do with a streetcar; that they wouldn't dream of getting out of the comfortable chair they are sitting in just because a lady comes in, and that it is with the greatest delight they allow a lady to go up a long flight of stairs ahead of them. Once I was given an explanation of why a gentleman really should go up first. Oh, but it's not what you think. It's simply this: "How on earth would she know where he lives?"

On one point the Danes are polite. They say, "Thank You." The average Dane says it about three hundred times a day, beginning with three thanks when he buys his railway ticket or pays for something in a store, right on up to the over-hearty "handshake with the cover on." This charming expression of gratitude is accomplished by gazing deep into the other person's eyes, and then, as if there were a lump in the throat, with the voice almost quavering, one says, "tusind tak." We do it that way because it is so much easier than to start by saying "tak" a thousand times and thereby using up a good three-days supply of the word.

Denmark has good schools, lots of schools — lots of expensive

schools and the children learn everything possible without paying for any of it — or at any rate only a ridiculously small sum. There are the universities as well, where it is just as inexpensive to study to be doctors, lawyers, priests or scientists, who concern themselves with everything from elephants to atoms. And finally, Denmark has its great pride, the "Folk High Schools," where country youth for the last hundred years has been given an insight into Danish speech, Danish songs, Danish literature and language, and that indefinable thing called Danish culture.

This results in a general level of education that is often surprising. It makes it quite possible to find oneself talking of Faulkner and Saroyan with a longshoreman, Dunne with a watchmaker, Huxley with a film producer; Grandma Moses with a street photographer, Alice in Wonderland with the professor and Ulysses with the taxi-driver — and with luck it is even possible to quarrel over Delius with the owner of a merry-go-round, or about atom-splitting with a stone-cutter by the road-side. Recently, a tram driver won the top prize, 10,000 Danish kroner in a radio-quiz by answering correctly 7 complicated questions in nuclear physics.

To a certain degree, this widespread interest in everything under the sun is bound up with the fact that Danes are as untiringly curious as Kipling's young elephant. Therefore, they gladly travel out into the world and only lack of money keeps them from travelling more. Many of them come back home again, too, but others settle down in foreign lands and try to be good citizens who do so well that one fine day they come home to the old country and announce that they have been knighted, or have bought a Cadillac for themselves and a blue mink for their wives.

Every Dane reads books which can be borrowed free at the public libraries if they don't want to buy them. They paint and they draw, and many of them are such clever musicians that they can play something else besides the gramophone.

The homes are light and friendly, and there are always plants and flowers in the windows, which surprise many visitors. The furniture is good and well-made and, fortunately the fashion for brand-new Renaissance furniture is beginning to die out.

The language is Danish and the Danes themselves think it can sound beautiful when it is spoken or sung well, and it is easy to read. They also believe it is easy to pronounce — something any English-speaking visitor will quickly discover is not quite true.

the Voice of Finland . . .

SIBELIUS: Four Sibelius favorites Louis Rosenblatt, floats nobly through the orchestral mists.

En Saga, Op. 9, displays the real "virtuoso orchestra," with brass and strings perfectly balanced as the music explores the grandeur of the Scandinavian landscape. The familiar Finlandia glows with rich brasses and cellos, but the Mormon Tabernacle Choir's finale is marred by an excessively ponderous beat which precludes verbal intelligibility. Valse Triste is particularly notable for its hollow, haunting violas. Columbia ML 6132/MS 6732.

Conductor Eugene Ormandy's greatest triumph is 'The Swan of Tuonela,' a tone poem based on Finnish mythology, featuring the song of a swan wandering on a black, infernal lake in the underworld called Tuonela. The swan, played on the English horn by

SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

Tordis McRoberts had the misfortune to fall on ice and fracture her right hip recently. She was a patient in the University Hospital and at last report was up and about with the aid of crutches.

Mr. Cliff Johnson underwent surgery on his knee recently at the Royal Alexandra Hospital and for a few weeks had to walk with the aid of crutches.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen on the recent passing of her father, Mrs. Hans Notland at the age of 82. He was living in Norway.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Ragna Arntzen who celebrates her 80th birthday on April 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Logan are now residing at 11207-83 Ave. Phone 434-5343.

Mr. and Mrs. Ove Dahl have also changed their place of residence and are now living at 11114-118 St.

Beverley Travis performed in 'Cinderella on Ice' at the Edmonton Gardens on March 4, when the Confederation of Community Leagues presented Edmonton's talent to the public. Beverley is 14, has taken ice skating lessons and really enjoys



DANIA DOINGS

On April 16 a Saturday this time, we will hold a Dance and hope to see just as many for this Dance as for March 18th. Last year at our April Dance we tried something new, namely a Basket Social, it did not go over as we had expected, mind you the people who took part had a wonderful time, but there were not enough people to meet the expenses and it was the same at our Karneval in February; we hear from those who were there, what a good time they had, we even had an extra hour, but — it was the same again, who has to stand the expenses? We cannot keep on going in the hole so this time we will have to raise the price to \$1.50 and \$2.00 for admission. Of course, as you know, everything has gone up the last few years and if we keep on the same old way, DANIA may have to close up and we are sure, there are still those, who would hate to see that, so please let us see you, whenever you can and I am sure you will have a good time. We are expecting a busload up from the Danish Club in Calgary for this Dance, and it would be nice if you were there to meet them. As you may know, we had those Danish Films through the Danish Club in Calgary. We are very sorry about the last film we showed "Den Kaere Familie" — how were we to know, that the Scandinavian News did not come out before the second week, so the result was, that not many knew about the 13th, we hear now people thought it would be the 20th and that was announced last time too but when we heard that a Bishop and his wife were expected on that date, we could not very well have a film the same night, could we now? So we thought we could keep the film a little while and show it again at a later date, but we got a phone call from Calgary, they had to have it out of the country before the 15th of March or they would have to pay more duty. We are sorry about this, but hope in the future that we may be able to get films again, as it seems like there was a lot of interest in these films from our Danish public. "BIKUBEN" will meet on Monday, April 18th at 10029-85 Ave.

A NOTE FOR MUSIC LOVERS

Be sure to see the Civic Opera of Edmonton presentation of that delightful Rogers and Hammerstein musical "Carousel" April 20th to 23rd in the Jubilee Auditorium. Incidentally the leading roles will be sung by Therese Pedersen (wife of friend Erik of radio fame) and Bud McKeen.

LABATT'S NIGHT

Dania's monthly dance got off to a roaring start on Friday, March 18th. We'd all like to extend a vote of thanks to Labatt's Alberta Brewery Ltd. for the opportunity to see inside their fine building, one of the newer landmarks along the Calgary Trail, of which Edmontonians are justly proud. Labatt's lavishly served their famous beer and ale to satisfy even the thirstiest Dane, and provided entertainment for us while we ate the excellent buffet supper also supplied courtesy of Labatt's.

A good time was had by all. Skaal — Labatt's.

Later on the crowd moved over to round off the evening dancing at the Scandinavian Centre.

Get well wishes go out to Mrs. Else Lindberg, Mr. Holger Eskelson and Mr. Richard Storm, we hope to see you all up and about very soon.

Remember to listen to the Danish Program with Erik Pedersen on Sunday, April 10th and 24th at 4:10 p.m. We are glad to hear, that some of the people who attended the film on the 13th knew about it by listening to Erik Pedersen that afternoon, so you see it is worth tuning in to for many reasons. News from Denmark, songs from Denmark and just hearing the Danish language.

Remember to attend the Ansgar Ladies' Aid Annual Spring Bazaar held Friday, April 22nd, 8:00 at 9556-108A Ave. Everybody welcome.

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Doctor George Drummond has returned from Toronto after successfully passing his fellowship examination!

For those who care: Number of American visitors to Denmark 1950, 25,000; 1965, 270,000.

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The balance sheet of the Scandinavian Centre, ending December 31, 1965, showed that \$10,345.00 was still owing on shares applied for. As many of these accounts are quite old, the Board of Directors decided that a campaign should be launched to collect the balances on share applications.

The campaign began on February 1st, and the Committee hopes to complete the job by the next Board Meeting — April 12, 1966 — but we need your help.

If you owe on a share, won't you contact one of the canvassers listed below. Do it now. We want you to pay the balance of your account, so that we can issue you a fully paid-up share in the Scandinavian Centre. Furthermore the Centre needs this outstanding money, so that we can proceed with the Recreation Wing Centennial Project for 1967.

If you are in doubt about your account, please phone our Treasurer Mrs. Elsie Comin at 433-5659 evenings. Thank you for your co-operation.

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Trailer Association Active In Alberta

The Alberta Travel Trailer Association was initially formed in April, 1965 by representatives of the Overlanders Trailer Club, Edmonton; Chinook Trailer Club, Calgary; Hobo Trailer Club, Calgary; Dinosaur Trailer Club, Drumheller, and the Heart of Alberta Trailer Club of Stettler. Although the association is basically formed by provincial clubs, members are welcome to join even though they are not affiliated with any club.

The association was formed primarily to promote better trailer facilities in Alberta by making representation to provincial, municipal and civic bodies as well as approach private enterprise on trailer matters. The association has been quite successful in promoting sanitary stations at various locations throughout Alberta. Many more are needed. Trailer accommodations are sadly needed in recreation areas in the province.

The Overlanders of Edmonton initially originated the Trailer Rodeo and runs this very successful event in conjunction with the Association fall rally held in Red Deer each September.

Each May 24, the association has a rally where all members meet to discuss trailering problems, hold elections and prepare resolutions to be presented to governments in the province.

The association is most anxious to aid in the formation of clubs anywhere in the province. It has all the necessary information on the formation, operation and functions of clubs.

Any trailerite interested in the association or in information connected with forming a club, is invited to contact the association by writing to Alberta Travel Trailer Association, Box 161, Edmonton or 739 - 20th Avenue N.W., Calgary.

The 1965-66 executive is as follows: President, Burt Hobbs, Edmonton; Vice President, John Reneau, Calgary; Secretary Treasurer, Ken Jones, Calgary; Directors: Gordon Thompson, Edmonton, Bob Hart, Calgary, Bert Neal, Calgary, Colin Cleugh, Drumheller, Ivan Dawson, Stettler.

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For life is a swift and terrible race.

He knows I like him just as well
As in the days when I rang his bell,
And he rang mine. We were younger then,
Tired of playing a foolish game
Tired with trying to make a name
And now we are busy, tired men,
Tomorrow, I will call on Jim,
Just to show that I am thinking of him".

But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes,
And the distance between us grows and grows,
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The bed of some close friend
And hear the doctor say, "No Hope"
Before that fatal end.
And see him there unconscious
Never knowing what took place
The laws and rules of traffic
I am sure we'd soon embrace

If anyone could meet
The wife and children left behind
And step into the darkened home
Where once the sunlight shined
And look upon "The Vacant Chair"
Where daddy used to sit
I'm sure each reckless driver
Would be forced to think a bit.

If everyone who takes the wheel
Would say a little prayer
And keep in mind those in the car
Depending on his car
And make a vow and pledge himself
To never take a chance
The Great Crusade for Safety
Would suddenly advance.

**Brother Of City Women One Of
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One of the heroes of Telemark, nine men who prevented the Nazis from developing an atomic bomb, is the brother of a city woman.

The story of how the Nazi project was foiled is told in a movie, The Heroes of Telemark, which opened at the Odeon Theatre.

Mrs. Sigurd Hope, 6112 - 94B Avenue, attended the evening showing. It was a movie she had been eagerly waiting to see. Not only did the daring mission involve her brother, but two of her nephews played bit parts in the filming of the movie in her home village of Rjukan, province of Telemark, Norway.

Her brother Erik Gustavesen, was one of the nine picked men of the Norwegian resistance movement who trained for eight months, high in the mountains of Norway, before executing two fantastic missions of sabotage that blasted Nazi dreams of conquest.

The object of their sabotage was a factory producing heavy water, used in the manufacture of the atomic bomb.

If they had failed, authorities are convinced Germany would have been the first to have used the bomb and would surely have won the war.

Mrs. Hope's knowledge of her brother's part in the underground attacks and his five years in the Norwegian resistance movement is limited to what her mother wrote to her following the war.

"Erik and the rest of the men were hiding out eight months before they attacked the factory and my mother only saw him once in that

time. My parents were quite worried but he came home in the night and left before dawn."

Erik was captured by the Germans sometime after the mission and was in a prisoner-of-war camp until the end of the war. He was caught by the Germans after he had shot an elk for food and had gone to the kill.

Mrs. Hope returned with her husband, Gudrun, to the village after the war, and talked with her brother but he did not mention any details of his underground activities.

"He's just not the kind of person to brag and he never talked about the war too much," Mrs. Hope said.

The whole family was involved in the resistance movement, Mrs. Hope says. Their home served as a storage area for ammunition and several times they narrowly escaped discovery.

Once they were almost caught red handed: the Germans were pounding at the door, the house was bulging with ammunition, but just then the quitting whistle blew in the village and the Nazis stopped their search. By the time the next shift took over, the evidence was concealed.

Another Edmontonian, Karl Olsen, a barber at the Salon de Figaro, also calls Rjukan his home.

Mr. Olsen was 18 when he joined the underground in 1941 and served throughout the war training for the Allied invasion that never came.

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Vasa Lodge Hosts Bonspiel

VASA CURLING — The Vasa Lodge Skandia Curlers played host to a bonspiel on Calmar ice on March 5th. The Glen Eliasson rink of Skandia took first honors, the Fred Hamilton rink of Buford second and the B. Holmlund rink of Nordsjarnan consolation. Lady members of Lodge Skandia served lunch and a good time was reported. Sixteen rinks took part.

BOWLING — Someone stole the Vasa reporter's show in the March issue and slipped in the bowling results for the first half without her knowledge. Her face is red. She is informed on good authority that no effective changes in scoring have come about up to the present date. Also it is reported, the bowlers are having a wonderful time and are

looking forward to the grand tournament to be held in Medicine Hat on April 23rd when four teams from Skandia Bowlers will compete against Calgary, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat lodges. Spectators are welcome too, and should contact Winnie Pearson, Phone 455-5608 well in advance.

CURLING & BOWLING BANQUET — The annual Curling and Bowling banquet will be held in the Nordic Room, Scand. Centre on Friday evening, May 6th. There will be a smorgasbord supper, refreshments and dancing, till 1 a.m. The tickets are \$2.50 each and should be obtained in advance from Bert Watson, Ph. 469-2876 or Winnie Pearson at 455-5608.

TOWN AND COUNTRY . . .

Architecturally speaking the Danish landscape is characterized by 1) very beautiful castles and manor houses in which almost no one can afford to live; 2) lovely white country churches which are several hundred years old; and 3) farms, most of which distinguish themselves by being white-washed and clean and sometimes sporting a fine thatched roof into the bargain. It is frequently said of these farms that you can play bridge or canasta on the floor of the pigsties or the cowsheds, but I've never heard of anybody doing it. Probably because it would scarcely seem sensible when there are nice parlours and living rooms to play in instead. But there is no doubt that the farms are clean. That can easily be seen in the quality of the bacon and ham as well as in the milk and eggs.

Danish agriculture is influenced to a great extent by the Co-operative movement which sets a uniform standard for dairy products and agricultural products all over the country. Similar hens lay similar eggs, if one doesn't annoy them. And similar pigs weigh the same and give forth a happy grunt when they reach the right size for slaughter.

In the fields corn grows. The most important use we have for it, naturally, is in the brewing which brings forth Tuborg Beer for export and home consumption.

Denmark is a flat land. Some of it lies under sea level, but with the help of embankments it has been arranged so that no one gets his feet wet — except when it rains.

There are no mountains in the strictest interpretation of that word. On the other hand, there are some hills. One of the highest is called Mount Heaven. It stretches all the way up about 485 feet against the sky. The top is covered with eternal snow every year for at least five days.

The numerous small woods consist chiefly of beech, oak and spruce. Moreover, the moors and

heaths are reclaimed with spruce and fir plantations.

There is one river, but that is so little it is called a stream. Copenhagen, the capital has 1,348,454 inhabitants. That leaves only 3.2 million for the rest of the country. The next largest cities are Aarhus, Aalborg, and Odense. The first is the largest, the second the gayest, and the third, Hans Christian Andersen's idyllic birthplace.

All the provincial cities are characterized by old buildings and smiling friendliness. One should go to Elsinore to visit Kronborg and remember Hamlet; to Ribe to see the Cathedral and the storks which come there from Egypt every summer (although there are those who insist it is the other way round, that the storks travel to Egypt from here every winter); to Roskilde where the Danish kings all lie buried in the Cathedral; to Skagen to see the bathing beaches and stand right out on the point with one foot in each ocean and look down along the whole of Denmark.

Copenhageneers love to go out to the provinces and the country folk love to come to Copenhagen among other things to visit Tuborg. Both groups are monstrosly envious of the other.

Copenhagen should be seen for its castles, its Renaissance buildings, and for Tivoli which is a pleasure garden right in the middle of the town. Although it is a park, it in no way resembles Regent's Park, Yellowstone or Yosemite. It is full of splendid restaurants and Danes who love it with a deep devotion. And then, one should see the harbour, the Royal Theatre, the crown jewels that sink down into the floor at Rosenborg if anyone tries to take one of them home as a souvenir, the canals of Christianshavn, and Dyrehavn beside the bathing resort of Bellevue. There in the forest the deer go around looking majestic and frightfully haughty.

And then — why not visit Tuborg, too?

Supreme Court Attorney Jens Chr. Hauge headed a delegation which recently visited Poland to get ideas for the Norwegian Home Front Museum. Soon due to be opened at Akershus, Oslo, the museum will give factual information on the fate of Norwegian victims of Nazism in prisons and prison camps at home and abroad.

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Seek Safety For Highway

The provincial AMA will press for the redesigning of No. 2 Highway from Calgary to Airdrie as a safety measure, it was decided at the branch's annual meeting.

The action was taken as direct result of fatal accident at Blzac on the undivided four-lane highway.

Acting on a resolution presented by a meeting of the Calgary branch, by Macdonald Millard, QC, the organization urged that the highway immediately north of Calgary be changed into a divided four-lane roadway "as it should have been constructed 10 years ago."

The resolution will be discussed by provincial directors March 25 and, if approved, will then be forwarded to the provincial government.

Dog Sleds Keep Right Of Way

COPENHAGEN (Reuters) — The number of vehicles on Greenland has reached 1,000 and a special Greenland Motoring Act is before the Danish parliament with the aim of regulating the desolate island's traffic. Dog sleds will keep the right of way.

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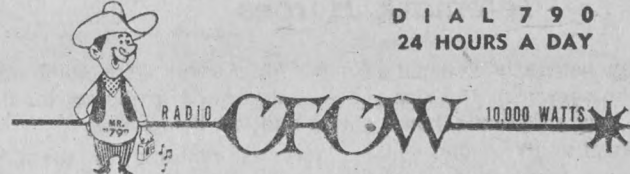
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Notes From Sweden . . .

A rink from Sweden will take part in a curling bonspiel in Vancouver from May 21 at 24 when rinks from United States, Scotland, Sweden and Canada will compete for a Scottish Cup.

Stockholm's Royal Opera, with an ensemble of 230 persons will be guest performers at the 1967 Exposition in Montreal. Earlier this company of entertainers has appeared in Edinburgh, London and Hamburg and in Opera Balet in Paris, Berlin and China.

Norwegian author Axel Jensen, 34, received one of the eight Abraham Woursell International Literary Prizes (each worth 156,000 kroner) presented in a recent ceremony at Vienna University. His novels (published in Norway by Cappelen) have been translated into nine foreign languages. "Line" was published by Alfred A. Knopf, New York, in 1962, under the English title of "A Girl I Knew".

The fraternal society Sons of Norway, headquartered at Minneapolis, Minn., increased insurance sales 80% last year to total \$8,520,825. The membership grew about 3,500 to some 40,000.

The new Swedish Ambassador to Canada, Mr. Per Lind has arrived in Ottawa with his wife and four children. Mr. Lind served as an assistant to the late Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold in the United Nations from 1953 to 1956. He is especially interested in outdoor sports such as skiing, fishing and golf.